

RECOUNT BATTLE HITS COURTS

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CAMPAIGNER . . . Gubernatorial Hopeful James Roosevelt (left) as he addressed Torrance residents yesterday near the City Hall. With him are Nick Drake, city councilman and Demo leader in 68th Assembly District (second from left) and George Miller, who is running for the office of lieutenant-governor on the Roosevelt ticket—Herald photo.

Roosevelt Lashes Warren Regime

Jimmy Roosevelt, candidate for the governorship of California, demonstrated some of the famous Roosevelt punch here yesterday in attacking the present administration under Governor Warren.

Speaking to the people from the rear platform of the Roosevelt caravan, the Democratic candidate answered questions put to him by local citizens.

He said he favored a federal bonus for veterans rather than unequal bonuses now paid to ex-servicemen through state controlled payments.

Chaining the sales tax was a direct burden on the lower and middle income brackets, the gubernatorial candidate favored repeal of the State Sales tax.

Asked if he would fight old age pension plan advocates, he said he believed in the right of any group to organize to protect the interests of the group. He said he favored a federal retirement income law.

Roosevelt said he would, if elected in November, bring back the funds originally intended for school development from the funds to which they have been diverted.

Speaking on Communism, he said that the only weapon found to be successful against the Reds is to give the people the government they want and to solve their problems.

He claimed the recent highly publicized loyalty oath was a "window dressing" political move and meaningless in its effectiveness against the Communists.

Introducing Roosevelt was Councilman Nick Drake, chairman of the "Jimmy Roosevelt for Governor Campaign of the 68th Assembly District."

Speaking with Roosevelt was George Miller, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and Glenn Anderson, candidate for the State Senate.

Members of the Democratic committee backing Roosevelt for governor, members of the city's official family, and others active in civic affairs in Torrance attended a luncheon preceding Roosevelt's sidewalk talk which was given in front of El Prado park.

He was scheduled to speak again at 8 p.m. last night at the Wilmington Bowl.

Supervisors OK School Bonds

The Board of Supervisors Tuesday authorized issuance and sale of \$2,000,000 worth of bonds by the Torrance Unified School District.

On motion of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the date of May 23, at 10 a.m., was set as the time for opening of bids.

Veteran Group Raps New Home Inspections

Charges that inferior material and workmanship were going into G.I. homes under construction in Torrance were leveled yesterday by the Torrance Veterans Council.

A spokesman for the group claimed that lack of proper inspection was responsible for the condition.

"Both federal and city authorities lack the proper number of inspectors for the job of protecting future homeowners. We do not claim that personnel of either agency are incompetent, it is merely a case of too much work for too few," he said.

City Building Inspector John Patrick said he had to go along with the Veterans Council.

"At present there are 2500 homes — and that's a lot of new building, in various stages of construction. The city has one building inspector, one electrical inspector and one plumbing inspector to do the job."

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Benstead Files Action to Oust New Councilman

Councilman Willys G. Blount was named defendant in an election contest action brought this week by Victor E. Benstead, chairman of the Civil Service Commission.

The action, filed with the county clerk by Albert Isen, attorney for Benstead, claims that during the counting of the ballots certain errors were made, which if corrected, would make his client city councilman and not Blount.

Benstead trailed Blount in a race for the city council on April 11 by seven votes.

Seating of Harvey B. Spelman who led both candidates by more than 150 votes was not challenged by Benstead.

Blount, when asked for a statement regarding the action, said:

"I have not been notified of any such action, though, of course I have been anticipating Mr. Benstead to ask for a recount. I am as anxious as anyone to see that the rightfully elected candidates are made councilmen, though it is a bit difficult for me to understand why I have been singled out in this reported action any more than any one of the seven other candidates. I believe that the election officials handled their jobs efficiently and correctly. They have sworn to the accuracy of their tabulations. Why the outcome of a legally conducted election cannot be accepted in a sportsmanship manner without casting aspersions on election officials who conducted the election in a true democratic manner, is likewise a bit difficult to understand."

Benstead's request for a recount of the ballots will be brought before the superior court within five days after May 18—deadline for filing election contest actions. Within 10-20 days following this, according to the election code, the court must call a special session to consider the demand for a recount.

Benstead then must daily post court costs, to cover the recounting expenses in the event the court rules against him. If an error is found to have been made during the original counting of the ballots and Benstead is declared to be the rightful office holder, the city will bear the cost of the recount.

Benstead's demand claims that certain ballots were rejected and were not counted as legal ballots. He further alleges that certain illegal ballots were credited to Blount.

Torrance Teenager Loses 6-Month Battle For Life



YOUNG PSYCHOLOGISTS . . . Susan Quinn, Jimmy Keller and Roxanne Barnard hold pictures of their daddies they drew to put in Fern Avenue Elementary School's "Who's Who." If their dads (Vernon, Ray and Dan) attend the Public Schools Week program tonight the youthful artists get to put a gold star on their fathers' portraits. Drawings of other dads appear in the background. (Herald photo.)

School Friends To Pay Tribute At Final Rites

Fifteen-year-old Hettie Marie Yoes, who eagerly looked forward to the day when she could return to her classmates, will be carried to her final resting place today by six high school friends.

The local WALTERIA girl passed away quietly Sunday morning, never aware that she would not recover from a long and painful siege which began last November when doctors discovered she was stricken with cancer of the lung.

This week her friends at Torrance High School contributed more than \$80 to aid the family of their school classmate.

Her brother, Robert Yoes, also attends Torrance High School.

Several local groups have tried to aid Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie K. Martin, the girl's parents, with the heavy financial burden brought on by five months of hospitalization and doctor's bills. Mr. Martin, ill with arthritis, has not been able to work since his step-daughter took sick.

Services for the former member of Girl Scout Troop No. 57 and member of the WALTERIA Girls Softball team will be held at 2 p.m. this afternoon in the Stone and Myers Chapel. Rev. E. C. Williams of the Calvary Assembly of God in Lomita will officiate. Interment will be in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Ballbearers, all members of the Torrance High School Varsity Club, are Wendell Vaughn, Frank Costa, John Kulp, Ronnie Higgins, Joe Clevenger and Glenn Boyce.

The girl's parents have lived at 24431 Madison street in WALTERIA since 1941.

Many of the family's friends are tendering cash offerings in place of flowers.

Others surviving the local girl include a step-brother, Kenneth Martin; her paternal grandfather, N. H. Yoes, of Bixby, Oklahoma; and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, of Douglas, Arizona.

BISCAILUZ ADDRESSES JOINT MEET

Parents, a bit too eager to protect their children, are in a degree responsible for the recent unprovoked hoodlum attacks on citizens in Los Angeles County, Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz told 160 members of Torrance's four service clubs Monday night.

Speaking at the Torrance Woman's Club, he told the community's leaders that teachers, long a symbol of discipline, were today afraid to correct and discipline children. He said that fear of parents who were all too hasty to file brutality charges were hampering the efforts of today's teachers to make good citizens of their students.

He particularly rapped the East Los Angeles section where he said that arrests were particularly difficult. Biscailuz, a member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department since 1907, claimed that "subversive elements in that area hiding behind skirts of so-called civil liberty organizations, were hampering the sheriffs in their crime prevention program. He cautioned against such an attitude mushrooming into other areas.

Speaking informally after the meeting, he head of perhaps the world's largest sheriff's department, commended Torrance's Police Chief, John Stroh, for the cooperation given by the sheriffs by the local department.

He disclaimed a recent crime commission report that cooperation between law enforcement agencies was lacking.

"Such could hardly be further from the truth," Biscailuz said.

The sheriff, who was introduced by Jack Barrington, program chairman, extended an invitation to the club members to go to the Los Angeles County

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Dads 'Drawn' By Tiny Tots

Local kindergarten students are using applied psychology to draw their dads to school during Public Schools Week.

Appealing to the vanity of their dads, the youngsters at Fern Avenue Elementary School have drawn pictures of their fathers. Those students whose fathers attend the Public Schools Week program at the school this evening will be awarded gold stars to put on their fathers' picture.

One student, knowing that he would not be able to boast a Gold Star on his picture, insisted on drawing his father's portrait. He is the son of Captain William E. Blain, air force hero who rode his flaming bomber to his death to save his crew of seven.

Though most schools have been conducting special events all during the week, several schools will hold meetings and open house for parents tonight.

At Fern Avenue, parents have been invited to attend the open house beginning at 7 p. m. to be followed by a PTA meeting and square dancing.

Torrance Elementary School will hold open house from 7:30 to 8 p.m. followed by a PTA meeting with refreshments to be served in the auditorium at 9 p.m.

The Adult Education School has invited all persons to visit classes to observe the type of work and instruction being offered in the various classrooms.

Climax to the week's activities will be the Annual Spring Music Festival Friday night at 8 p. m. in the Torrance High School Auditorium. More than 300 local students will participate in the program.

Public Schools Week is under the sponsorship of the Torrance Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 147, headed by Fred O. Bacon, master.

"Those who are unable to attend tonight's activities should check your calculations get wherever you are going, an hour early.

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SERVICE CLUB BROTHERS . . . Presidents of Torrance's four service clubs were on hand Monday night to hear Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz address a combined meeting of the four clubs. Pictured are (seated left to right) Tweed Jolly, Optimist Club president; Mayor Bob L. Haggard, Kiwanis Club president; Sheriff Biscailuz; W. T. "Hap" Tillotson, Rotary Club president, (standing) Dr. Don C. Moshos, Lions Club president and Police Chief John Stroh. (Herald photo.)